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1. MUCH APPRECIATE EFFORTS REPORTED REFTELS. SIDAWI FULLY AWARE OF CONTENTS. ON BALANCE WOULD SAY YOU CORRECT PART OF PROBLEM RESULTS FROM SIDAWI'S OWN LIBERTIES. IT CLEAR ALSO THAT THERE ARE INCONSISTENCIES IN CORRESPONDENCE FROM SUNAIR. WHILE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY (AS RESULT OF SARG INTEREST) THAT THERE BE SOME CONCERN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE ON PART OF USG, HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO SIDAWI THAT HE AND SUNAIR WILL HAVE TO RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES DIRECTLY.

2. EVEN PRIOR OUR CABLE TRAFFIC, SIDAWI HAD CONSIDERED FLYING TO US TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS DIRECTLY WITH COMPANY. HE NOW INTENDS DEPART HERE AND ARRIVE NEW YORK ON THURSDAY, MARCH 28, AND ASKS US TO NOTIFY SUNAIR THAT HE PLANS PROCEED TO FORT LAUDERDALE THAT SAME NIGHT OR FOLLOWING DAY AS SPACE IS AVAILABLE. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP WITH THIS REQUEST.

3. SECONDLY, SIDAWI HAS ASKED FOR NAME OF PERSON IN COMMERCE/BIC WITH WHOM HE MIGHT TALK SHOULD HE COME TO WASHINGTON. WOULD APPRECIATE NAME WHICH I COULD GIVE HIM (NEED NAME BY WASH COB MAR 26 TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE SIDAWI BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE). IN GIVING
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HIM NAME, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT, REGARDLESS OF WHAT

HE MIGHT CLAIM IN WASHINGTON, I HAVE NOT LED HIM TO
BELIEVE USG CAN DO ANYTHING MORE THAN WE HAVE DONE
THIS FAR. I ALSO ADVISED HIM TO CALL ON HIS OWN
REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON.
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